



Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: Restoration Coordination Program Update

Summary

1997 RFP Update. CALFED received approximately 410 proposals in response the 1997 Category II RFP. That includes 320 formal proposals requesting funding and 90 Inquiry Submittals requesting information on possible eligibility for future funding. For all proposals, a total of approximately \$630 million was requested. A general summary of the types of proposals received was mailed to all Policy Group Members last week. Staff have created a detailed database to track and summarize the proposals. A more detailed summary of the proposals will be available at the Policy Group meeting.

Panels are being formed to conduct the evaluation and recommend selection of the proposals to the Ecosystem Roundtable and the Policy Group. A two-tiered process has been adopted to score and select proposals for funding--technical review panels will be formed to score the individual proposals and an integration panel will be used to identify priorities and select proposals. The list of members for the Integration Panel will be finalized this week and provided at the Policy Group meeting. Based on the number of proposals received we expect to form 10 - 15 technical review panels. We expect to convene the panels during August and September. A recommended funding package will be provided to the Policy Group for review and final decision at the October or November meeting.

Restoration Coordination. To improve coordination between Category III and other ecosystem restoration programs CALFED staff are pursuing several actions. A significant effort has been made to use the integration panel for both Category III and CVPIA prioritization and project selection. In addition, staff knowledgeable in other related funding

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National Marine Fisheries Service

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sources such as DFG funding programs, Four Pumps and Tracy Mitigation Agreement will be on the Integration Panel. We are convening a meeting in August of representatives of these programs and other related funding programs to discuss the coordination of priority setting, project selection, project management, and other related issues.

Ecosystem Roundtable. At the last Roundtable meeting in July the Roundtable expressed concern over their role in project selection. Based on legal early legal advice, this RFP has been conducted following State contract law. A requirement of the Public Contract Code is that all proposals are confidential until a final selection is made and therefore individual proposals can not be distributed the Roundtable. Given this restriction, staff are working with the Roundtable to maximize the role their role in guiding the final funding package. For example, the Roundtable will be asked for their input into the species priorities recommended by the Integration Panel and will be asked for guidance and advice on the final funding package in terms of the funding levels for types of actions, and the overall funding allocated in this funding cycle. For future Category III funding cycles, CALFED has asked the Attorney General's Office to reevaluate the need to follow state contract law.

Action Item

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